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## **VIA EFILING**

Mr. Charles Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina P.O. Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

IN RE:

Application for Approval of the Mergers of CTC Long Distance Services, LLC and CTC Exchange Services, Incorporated with Windstream Communications, Incorporated - **Docket No. 2007-464-C** 

Dear Mr. Terreni:

On December 21, 2007, CTC Long Distance Services, LLC ("CTC Long Distance") together with its parent company, CTC Exchange Services, Inc. ("CTC Exchange Services") and collectively, "CTC Companies"), and Windstream Communications, Inc. ("Windstream Communications") filed an Application with the Public Service Commission ("Commission") requesting the merger of CTC Long Distance and CTC Exchange Services with Windstream Communications.

Through communications with the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"), Windstream Communications agrees to assume, going forward, the CTC Companies financial obligations for state Universal Service Fund, Interim LEC Fund, and Gross Receipts. Additionally, Windstream Communications agrees to amend its tariff to include the services, rates, and charges of CTC Long Distance, which will allow CTC Long Distance's customers to enjoy their existing service under the same rates, terms and conditions. After consideration of the commitments made by Windstream Communications, ORS has no objection to the proposed merger.

ORS requests that the Commission require the CTC Companies to provide the Commission and ORS notification of the completion of the transaction such that their certificate of public convenience and necessity may be cancelled.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

C. Lessie Hammonds

cc: Burnie Maybank, Esquire